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**THE MONROE DOCTRINE.** By T. B. Edgington, A. M., of the Bar of Memphis, Tennessee. Little, Brown & Co., Boston. 1904.

Mr. Edgington has evidently been a profound student of the Monroe Doctrine, and his work on the subject is not only of great present interest, but is destined to receive still greater attention, if the imperialistic tendencies of our country continue to grow. The author begins with the "Holy Alliance" and treats so recent occurrences as our relations with the new state of Panama. One chapter of the work is devoted to The Hague Tribunal, to which so many of the world's greatest dreamers are looking for speedy relief from the great waste of life and resources incident to war. The last chapter of the work is devoted to general observations, among which is a statement by the author that the Monroe Doctrine is not "waived or put aside" by the acquisition of the Philippines. It is hard, however, to see how the Doctrine can continue to have any moral basis.

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**CYCLOPEDIA OF LAW AND PROCEDURE.** Edited by William Mack. Vol. 13. American Law Book Company, New York. 1904.

This is one of the most valuable volumes in the most valuable series now being issued by the American Law Book Company. The plan of treating under one subject both the substantive law and the law of procedure, appeals most strongly to the busy lawyer. Among the important subjects treated are: "Damages," by Robert Grattan and Frank E. Jennings; "Action of Debt," by Frank E. Jennings; "Dedication," by William Alexander Martin; "Deeds," by Joseph A. Joyce and Howard C. Joyce; "Depositories," by Arthur W. Blakemore; "Depositions," by James Beck Clark; "Deposits in Court," by Everett V. Abott. Thus many text-books are found in one volume.

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**THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT AND FEDERAL ANTI-TRUST LAWS**—Including the Sherman Act; the Act Creating the Bureau of Corporations; the Elkins Act; the Act to Expedite Suits in the Federal Courts; Acts Relating to Telegraph, Military, and Post Roads; Acts Affecting Equipments of Cars and Locomotives of Carriers Engaged in Interstate Commerce, with all amendments. With comments and authorities by William L. Snyder, of the New York Bar. Baker, Voorhis & Company, New York. 1904.

This is a most timely work and the lawyer who is not familiar with the provisions of these acts and the decisions thereon will be surprised to find the extent of the redress therein afforded for wrongs heretofore supposed to be without efficacious remedy. The work contains all Federal Statutes governing the Rights, Duties and Liability of Shippers and Carriers engaged in Interstate Commerce, and the text of the Constitutional Provisions applicable to the subject. It also contains full notes of all decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States and other Federal Courts under the Statutes governing Trusts and Industrial Combinations, including The Sugar Trust, The Pipe Trust, The Coal Trust, The Railroad Trust and The Beef Trust, embracing, among others, The Trans-Missouri Case, The Joint Traffic Case, The Addystone Pipe Case, and the Merger Decisions. Also,

full notes of all cases under the Interstate Commerce Act relating to Rebates and Railway Discrimination. Including the powers and authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission; with the Rules of Procedure before the Commission, and Forms. This is the only annotated edition of these laws published.

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**THE AMERICAN STATE REPORTS**—Containing cases of general value and authority decided in the courts of last resort of the several States, selected, reported and annotated by A. C. Freeman. Vol. 98. Bancroft-Whitney Co., San Francisco. 1904.

In this volume Mr. Freeman continues to give the profession the benefit of his unexcelled experience in the selection and annotation of cases involving new principles and novel applications of old principles. The leading notes in this volume are entitled: Actions for Contribution Not Founded on an Express Promise, Convicting on the Testimony of an Accomplice, Executors De Son Tort, Liability of a Master to his Servant for Injuries Resulting from Defective Machinery and Appliances, Deposit of Trust Funds in Bank by Executors or Administrators, Implied Authority of Wife to Act for Husband and Charge Him for Necessaries, Martial Law Other Than in Time of War, When Mandamus is the Proper Remedy Against Public Officers, and Croppers. Another most timely and valuable note is the one on Osteopathy, Christian Science, Magnetic Healing, and Clairvoyance as the practice of "Medicine and Surgery," a subject which has recently engaged the attention of our General Assembly and some of our lower courts. The legal aspects of Christian Science have received attention in *THE REGISTER*, Vol. 10, p. 285.

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**THE FEDERAL STATUTES ANNOTATED**—Containing all the laws of the United States of a general and permanent nature in force on the first day of January, 1903. Compiled under the editorial supervision of William M. McKinley, editor of the *Encyclopedia of Pleading and Practice*, and Charles C. Moore. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, Long Island, N. Y. 1903.

The purpose of this work is concisely stated in its preface, to wit, "to give under obvious titles, alphabetically arranged and thoroughly annotated, all the Acts of Congress of a permanent and general nature, except those relating exclusively to the District of Columbia." Four volumes of the work have already been placed on the market, and it is thought that six more volumes will follow. The first thing which will strike the Virginia lawyer in examining the work is the alphabetical arrangement of the statutes, so unlike arrangement followed in the Code of Virginia, in which the statutes are supposed to be logically arranged according to subject matter. The alphabetical arrangement, however, has obvious advantages in a work of such magnitude as the Federal Statutes Annotated, and is especially valuable to the lawyer whose practice in the Federal courts has not been so extensive as to familiarize him with the National statutes.

Volume I. This volume is preceded by a very exhaustive article on "Statutes and Statutory Construction." The article is one hundred and twenty-